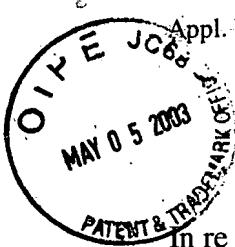


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In re the application of:

Smith et al.

Application No: 09/747,660

Filed: December 22, 2000

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 METHODS FOR MAKING AND
 IMPLEMENTING THE SAME

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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, dated April 2, 2003. It is respectfully submitted that the undersigned is licensed to practice before the PTO. The legal name of the undersigned is "Fariba Yadegar-Bandari," and the undersigned is licensed to practice before the PTO under the Registration number 53,805. Furthermore, the undersigned is also known as "Courtney F. Yadegar."

The undersigned can be reached at the telephone number (408) 749-6900, ext. 6913, if the Examiner has any questions concerning this matter.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is

hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P216).

Respectfully submitted,
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